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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KENDALL ET AL.

Examiner

Robert D. Harlan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 31-44 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/22/2004 has been entered.

2. The Amendment filed by Applicant on 03/22/2004 has been entered.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

3. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 03/22/2004 have been fully considered and they are found persuasive.

4. The rejection of claims 30-44 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Giardello et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,409,875 (hereinafter "Giardello") is withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 30 recites the limitation "the adhesive." There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is suggested that the applicants insert after "the adhesive," the term --composition.--

7. Claims 31-44 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Ex parte Quayle

8. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

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a. The introduction of the term ~~-composition-~~to correct a lack on antecedent basis.

9. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

10. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

11. Claims 30-44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

12. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art located or identified by the Examiner is Giardello. Giardello teaches metathesis-active adhesion agent compositions and methods for enhancing the adhesive strength and durability of adhesion of polymers produced by metathesis to substrate surfaces. See Giardello, col. 2, lines 47-50; col. 6, line 58 through col. 8, line 32. Giardello further teaches metathesis-active olefinic moieties

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including norbonenes and other cyclic olefins, which can comprise an array of compatibilizing functionalities. See Giardello, col. 3, lines 8-24; col. 3 line 61 through col. 4, line 35. Giardello teaches as a further aspect of the invention is an article of manufacture, such as a molded part, comprising a polyolefin adhered to a substrate surface using a metathesis-active adhesion agent of the invention. See Giardello, col. 3, lines 29-34; col. 5, lines 20-42. Giardello further teaches the use of one or more ROMP polyolefin compositions to "glue" one or more substrates of different type. See Giardello col. 8, line 54 through col. 9, line 4. The present invention differs from Giardello in that the present invention requires the application of the entire adhesive composition from a dispenser to at least one substrate.

13. As of the date of this ex parte Quayle action, the Examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including Giardello to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

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14. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D. Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10 AM - 8 PM.

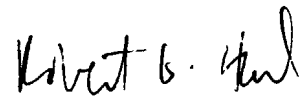
16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-1102 for regular communications and (571) 273-1102 for After Final communications.

17. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1495.

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Robert D. Harlan
Primary Examiner
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April 3, 2004